

Remark

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful consideration of the previously submitted Appeal Brief. The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 14-22 and 31-33 are allowable and that claims 1-13 and 23-30 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

The Applicant proposes herein amendments to conform the claims to the form indicated to be allowable. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended without prejudice to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection. No claims have been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-33 are present for examination. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been included by this amendment and that the claims as amended are fully supported by the disclosure as originally filed.

New Title

A proposed amendment to the title is included herein. The Examiner's review and approval of the proposed new title is requested.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

In the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 and 23-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter as not being within the technological arts. For the sake of expediting issuance of the case, the undersigned proposes amendments to the claims (without prejudice) to put them in the form indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1-33.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

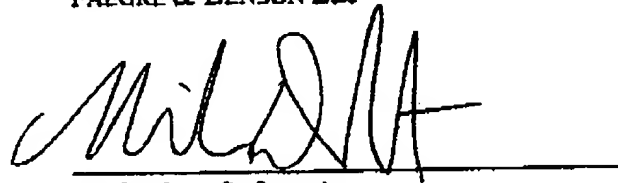
The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 607-3633 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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